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Overview

This is the omnibus capital investment bill with the general fund appropriations. For the appropriation amounts and fund sources, see the spreadsheet prepared by House Fiscal Analyst, Andrew Lee.

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1 Capital improvement appropriations. Summary of the agencies and their total appropriations.

2 University of Minnesota. HEAPR.

3 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. HEAPR; Alexandria Technical and Community College.

4 Natural Resources.

Subd. 2. Flood Hazard Mitigation.

Subd. 3. Forestry seed processing facilities.

5 Agriculture. For a grant to Aitkin County for a fairgrounds building.

6 Public Safety. For a municipal building, including the fire department in Cyrus.

7 Transportation.

Subd. 2. Local Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation. Includes money for

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Hennepin County to restore and recondition the Franklin Avenue bridge.

Subd. 3. Local Road Improvement Fund Grants. Includes money for Richfield 77th Street underpass, Armstrong Boulevard project in Anoka, road work in Ramsey County to support the TCAAP site redevelopment, and \$250,000 for Pine Lake Township.

Also includes \$11.448 million for county road repairs and \$3.552 million for city street repairs (pot holes).

Subd. 4. Safe Routes to School.

Subd. 5. Port Development Assistance.

8 Metropolitan Council. For grants for Fish Creek Trail in Maplewood and a pedestrian shared use walkway along a portion of I-35E in St. Paul that has been disrupted by highway work.

9 Human Services.

Subd. 2. Minnesota Security Hospital – St. Peter.

Subd. 3. Early Childhood Learning and Child Protection Facilities. Allows grants to be up to \$1 million for an individual facility.

Subd. 4. Advocating for Change Together. For the Remembering with Dignity grave markers.

10 Employment and Economic Development. For the Innovative Business Development Public Infrastructure grant program.

11 Minnesota Historical Society. For local government grants.

12 Waivers authorized (statute governing state assistance after a natural disaster). Modifies the cross reference to reflect the change in the local bridge grant program made in this bill and for grants under the fracture-critical bridges provision, section 174.50, subdivision 6c, that was added to the statutes after the state assistance after a natural disaster statute was first enacted.

13 Bridge costs in smaller cities. Reinstates without an end date the grant program for small cities; grants were allowed until June 30, 2007 under current law. Strikes the limitation to cities with a net tax capacity of under \$200,000 and provides that engineering, not preliminary engineering, is an eligible use of grant money. Provides that grants may be used for 100 percent of design, engineering, and approach work costs that exceed \$10,000. Provides that grants for construction are for 100 percent of costs. Finally, eliminates the \$200,000 cap on grant amounts.

14 Bridge grant program; rulemaking. Incorporates into the statute governing bridge grants the language that has been in the rider for the appropriation of bond funds for local bridge

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replacement and renovation.

- 15** **Advisory committee (local road improvement program).** Modifies the name of the advisory committee for the local road improvement program and directs it to advise on use of all accounts provided for in the section.
- 16** **Authorization (housing infrastructure bonds).** Authorizes proceeds to be used to finance acquisition of property to be leased by community land trusts, striking the limitation related to abandoned and foreclosed property. In new paragraph (c), among comparable projects for land to be leased by community land trusts, directs the agency to give preference to projects to acquire abandoned or foreclosed property. Also, if the acquisition is not of abandoned or foreclosed property or in a foreclosure priority area, the agency must have a rationale. Provides that preference for permanent supportive housing proposals must be given to veterans as well as other individual and families meeting the criteria. Projects should help mitigate racial disparities in homeownership rates and promote economic integration. Effective for bonds authorized in 2014 and thereafter.
- 17** **Additional authorization (housing infrastructure bonds).** Authorizes the MHFA to issue up to \$80 million in housing infrastructure bonds. The bonds are not GO and not backed by state's full faith and credit.
- 18** **Additional appropriation (housing infrastructure bonds).** Appropriates \$6,400,000 per year from the general fund to the MHFA for debt service on the agency housing infrastructure bonds issued, beginning in fiscal year 2016.
- 19** **Appropriations given effect once.**
- 20** **Effective date.** Except as otherwise provided, effective the day following final enactment.